

"The First Easter" Mobile

This project is designed to help children become familiar with the Easter account from the Bible while explaining five different symbols of Easter. The symbols highlighted include: an empty tomb, the Cross, the lamb, the egg/chick, and the angel.

*Scripture references are on each of the pieces.

Supplies:

Pages from file, printed on cardstock, if desired

Scissors

Scotch tape

Glue Stick

Pencil

Stapler

Ruler

1 piece of colored construction paper - yellow, if possible

Yarn, string or clear cord (used in beading) cut into pieces accordingly:

1 piece 24 inches long

2 pieces 14 inches long

3 pieces 8 inches long

Instructions:

1. Have children color and cut out all pieces on the dotted lines. (The solid lines are fold lines.) There will be five pieces to represent different symbols.
2. Begin explaining the role of each piece in the Easter story. (If desired, you may read the Resurrection account in Mark 16:1-8.) The pieces contain an image, a short explanation, and a Bible quote with reference.

Pieces featured include:

- Empty Tomb - The empty tomb shows us that Jesus rose from the dead. (Mark 16:4)
- The Cross - Jesus died for our sins. On Easter, we learn that He was victorious over sin and death. The Cross is a reminder of Christ's resurrection and love for us. (mark 16:6)
- The Angel - The Angel in the empty tomb greets the women who seek Jesus, and he announces Christ's resurrection. (Mark 16:5)
- The Egg - The egg is the symbol of new life. Although an egg seems lifeless on the outside, we learn it is filled with life on the inside when we witness a chick pecking its way out of the shell. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- The Lamb - Jesus is the Lamb of God. He offered himself as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity. (Revelation 5:12)

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3. Assemble the mobile by doing the following.

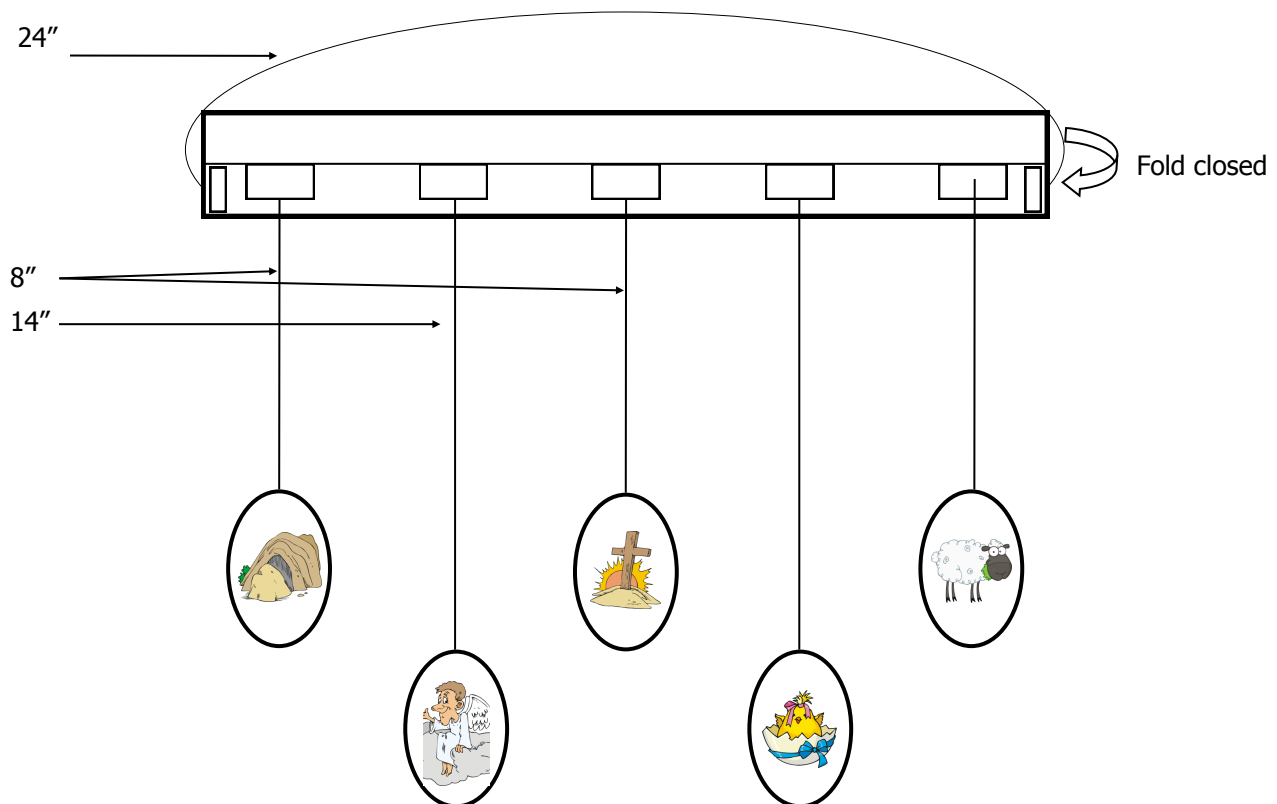
First, fold the cut pieces in half on the center line (image side out) and then reopen each. Tape one end of the yarn to the inside of the folded piece about one inch from the top. (View the following illustration below to see the length of yarn needed for specific pieces.) Using a glue stick, fold and glue the piece shut. Repeat for each piece. The pieces are now ready to be attached to the base.

Next, create the base by folding the piece of construction paper in half lengthwise. Fold it in half again. Open the last fold and begin taping the prepared pieces according to the diagram below.

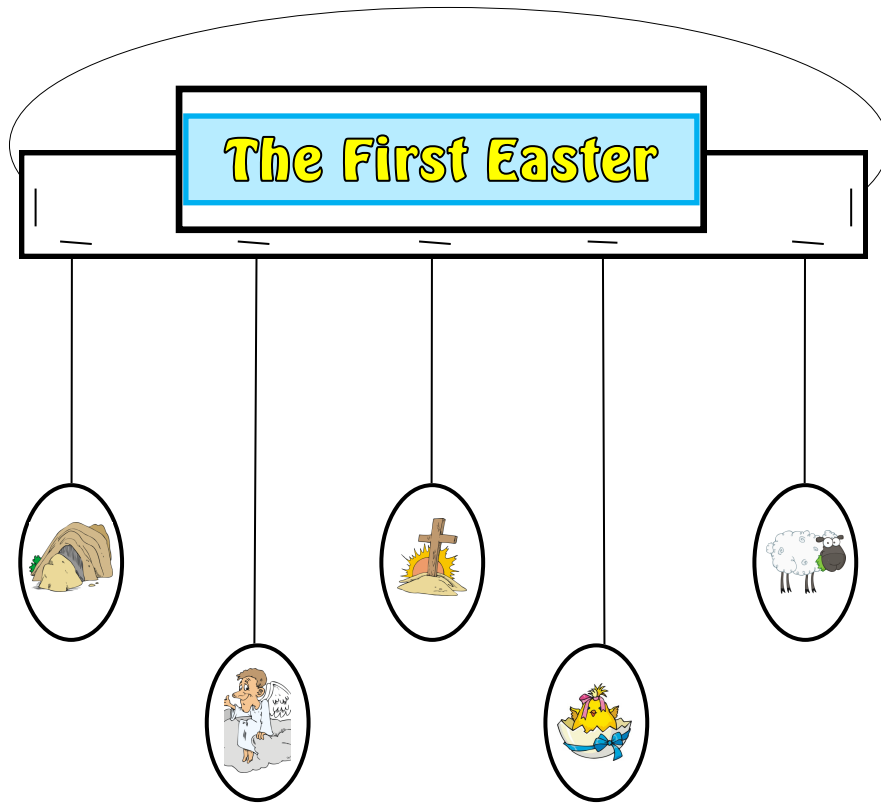
Then, tape the longest piece of yarn (24") to the ends to make the hanger.

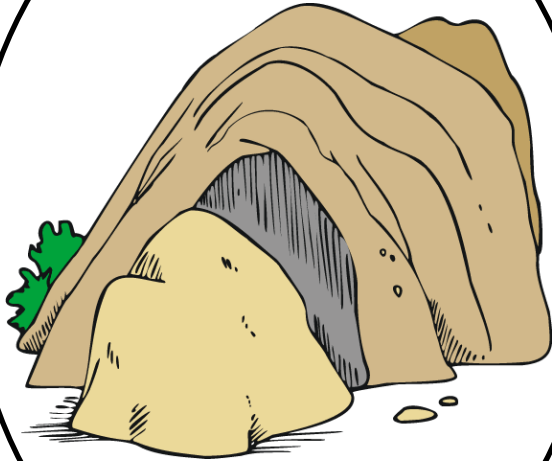
Finally, refold the base piece closed to hide the pieces of tape. Staple around the perimeter of the base being certain to get the hanger piece under a staple.

Attach the Pieces.



Affix title piece with staples. Staple perimeter to finish.



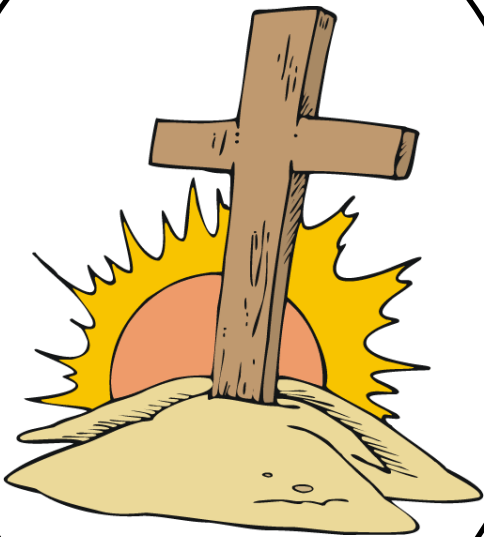


The Empty Tomb

The empty tomb shows us that
Jesus rose from the dead.

"And looking, they saw the stone
rolled back. For it was very great."

~Mark 16:4



The Cross

Jesus died for our sins. On Easter,
we learn that He was victorious
over sin and death. The Cross is a
reminder of Christ's resurrection
and love for us.

"Who saith to them: Be not
affrighted; you seek Jesus of
Nazareth, who was crucified: he is
risen, he is not here, behold the
place where they laid him."

~Mark 16:6



The Angel

The Angel in the empty tomb greets the women who seek Jesus, and he announces Christ's resurrection.

"And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe: and they were astonished."

~Mark 16:5



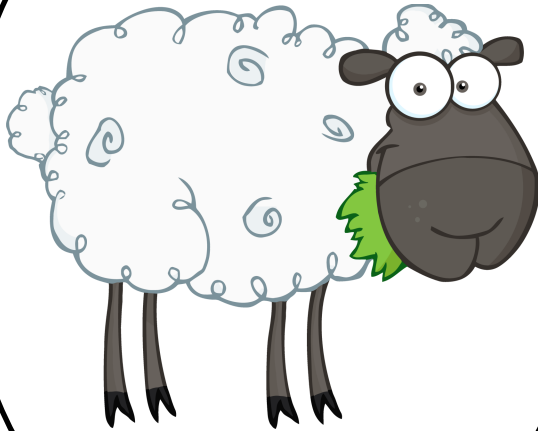
The Egg

The egg is the symbol of new life. Although an egg seems lifeless on the outside, we learn it is filled with life on the inside when we witness a chick pecking its way out of the shell.

"If then any be in Christ a new creature, the old things are passed away, behold all things are made new."

~2 Corinthians 5:17

Student Sheet #4



The Lamb

Jesus is the Lamb of God. He offered himself as a sacrifice for the sins of humanity.

"Saying with a loud voice: The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and benediction."

~Revelation 5:12

Please note that the book of *Revelation* may also be referenced as the *Apocalypse of Saint John* in some versions of the Holy Bible.

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